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M. Michael Owens, Vice President
Sunshine Mining and Refining Company
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RE: Burgin Mine Permit Transfer Status, M/049/009, Utah County, Utah

Dear Mr. Owens:

The Division received the transfer application from Tintic Utah Metals, LLC. on June 16, 1997. Normally, the review and approval process takes 90 - 120 days from the onset of the review of the application. This timeframe allows for public comment period and presentation to the Board of Oil, Gas, and Mining. Due to a backlog of applications, we anticipate beginning the review of this application within the next week to ten days.

Before the Division can release your reclamation surety, we need to review the transfer application, verify the new proposed reclamation cost estimate and have the replacement surety from Tintic in place. We anticipate this will be completed near the end of October, 1997.

The Division appreciates your patience in this matter and will keep you informed as to when public comment will begin and the scheduled Board hearing. Please don't hesitate to call if you have additional comments.

Sincerely,

Lynn Kunzler
Senior Reclamation Specialist

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